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Chairman: Mr. POCAR

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The public meeting was called to order at 12.40 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS (agenda item 2) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider an amendment to its rules of procedure designed to cover the submission of special reports. The text, which represented an attempt to take into account all the points raised by members, would be inserted after paragraph 1 of rule 66. It would thus become paragraph 2, with the remaining paragraphs being renumbered accordingly, and would read: "Requests for submission of a report under article 40, paragraph 1 (b), of the Covenant may be made in accordance with the periodicity decided by the Committee or at any other time the Committee may deem appropriate. In the case of an exceptional situation when the Committee is not in session, a request may be made through the Chairman acting in consultation with the members of the Committee".

2. After a procedural discussion in which Mr. PRADO VALLEJO, Mrs. HIGGINS, Mr. MÜLLERSON, Mr. NDIAYE and Mr. HERNDL took part, the CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should adopt the proposed amendment, subject to editorial changes.

3. It was so decided.

4. In response to a comment by Mr. SADI, the CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should defer until its next session the consideration of a second amendment to the rules of procedure to deal with communications and decisions on admissibility.

5. It was so decided.

6. The CHAIRMAN suggested the following composition for the working groups at the Committee's next session: the Working Group on Communications would comprise Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Prado Vallejo, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Ndiaye and Mr. Sadi, while the Working Group under Article 40 would be made up of Mr. Ando, Mr. Aguilar Urbina, Mr. Lallah and Mr. Wennergren.

7. It was so decided.

8. The CHAIRMAN announced that the following reports would be on the agenda for the Committee's next session: the third periodic report of Uruguay; the second periodic report of Guinea; the third periodic report of the Dominican Republic; the initial report of the Niger; and the second periodic report of the Islamic Republic of Iran, consideration of which would be continued from the current session. He proposed that the initial report of Ireland and the third periodic report of Hungary should be kept in reserve. He would also suggest that a strongly worded note should be sent to the Government of the Niger, alerting it to the fact that the Committee would accept no further postponement of consideration of its report and that, if no delegation was present, the discussion would nevertheless go ahead as planned. Finally, he suggested that the deadline for submission by the United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela of their next periodic reports should be December 1993. If he heard no objection, he would take it that those suggestions were adopted.

9. It was so decided.

10. The CHAIRMAN, summing up the Committee's work on communications received under the Optional Protocol, noted that it had adopted seven sets of views under article 5 (4), six decisions in favour of admissibility, five decisions in favour of inadmissibility, one interlocutory decision, one decision combining consideration of admissibility and merits, and five decisions to discontinue consideration of cases. The Committee had not had enough time to consider all the communications before it, but work on them would continue at its next session. The Special Rapporteur on New Communications had taken action in 15 cases.

11. The session had been a very productive one, with many State party reports being considered and innovative action taken in respect of the Committee's operating procedures and a number of issues of international law.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

12. After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRMAN declared the forty-sixth session of the Human Rights Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.